

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 **1.** (currently amended) A method of providing continuing medical education credit to a first
2 physician for a consultation between the first physician and a second physician, the
3 consultation being conducted through an intermediary, the intermediary being connected
4 by a telecommunications system to both the first and second physicians, and
5 the method comprising the steps performed in the intermediary of:
6 receiving a comment made with regard to the consultation via the telecommunications
7 system from the second physician in the intermediary; and
8 providing the comment to a medical information specialist in the intermediary who is
9 neither the first nor the second physician, the medical information specialist determining whether
10 any continuing medical education credit is to result from the consultation represented by the
11 comment and if continuing medical education credit is to result, recording the resulting
12 continuing medical education credit in a database accessible from the intermediary.

1 **2.** (previously presented) The method of providing continuing medical education credit set forth
2 in claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the steps of:
3 retrieving instructional material relevant to the comment and the consultation from the
4 data base and
5 providing the instructional material to the first physician via the telecommunications
6 system,
7 the step of retrieving instructional material being performed by the medical information
8 specialist.

1 **3.** (previously presented) The method of providing continuing medical education credit set forth
2 in claim 2 wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

3 providing an examination based on at least the instructional material via the
4 telecommunications system;

5 receiving answers for the examination from the first physician via the
6 telecommunications system;

7 grading the received answers,
8 the continuing medical education credit resulting from the consultation if the first physician
9 passes the examination.

1 **4.** (previously presented) The method of providing continuing medical education credit set
2 forth in claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

3 providing an examination based on at least the comment to the first physician via the
4 telecommunications system;

5 receiving answers for the examination from the first physician via the
6 telecommunications system;

7 grading the received answers,
8 the continuing medical education credit resulting from the consultation if the first physician
9 passes the examination.